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1. The Magistrat has drafted a letter for the signature of Oberbürgermeisterin Luise Schröder which is destined for Lt. General Kotikov. The Mayoress refuses to obey General Kotikov's order on the grounds that
 - a. The order is illegal,
 - b. She has full confidence in Johannes Stumm, Deputy Police Chief,
 - c. She and the Magistrat cannot be expected to correspond officially with an individual they suspended and no longer recognize as Police President.

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2. Paul Markgraf, the Police President, doubled the guard on Police Headquarters today with instructions to prevent Johannes Stumm from entering, by force if necessary.

Stumm is proceeding with the organization of the Police Präsidium in the western sectors. He will issue a proclamation stating that the new Police Headquarters had to be established because he was physically prevented by the Soviet Occupying Power from taking over the Präsidium. He also will warn Markgraf that he is fully liable to civilian criminal proceedings for usurping police authority. Policemen will be called upon to register for service with the new headquarters.

Pro-western German leaders have no illusions about the possibility of continuing the present city government with headquarters in the Russian Sector. They expect the Soviets to outlaw the Magistrat following the receipt of Frau Schröder's letter.

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